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SUBJECT: METALWORKERS' STRIKE FAILS

1. STRIKE: THERE WAS LITTLE PARTICIPATION IN FEB 26 STRIKE IN OPORTO AREA ANNOUNCED BY METALWORKERS SYNDICATE. ALL LOCAL FIRMS CONTACTED BY CONSULATE WHICH EMPLOY METALWORKERS REPORTED WORKING AS NORMAL. SMALL CROWD OF 400 GATHERED AT LABOR MINISTRY OFFICE FOR BRIEF RALLY AGAINST "HIGH COST OF LIVING AND RESURGENT CAPITALISM." DEMONSTRATION BROKE UP WITHOUT RITUALISTIC MARCH DOWNTOWN. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED.

COMMENT: UNDER TITLES "THE BATTLE CONTINUES - WE WILL STOP ALL," STRIKE ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE GIVEN HEAVY PLAY IN AREA DAILIES EXCEPT CENTER-LEFT "COMERCIO DO PORTO" WHICH REFUSED TO PUBLICIZE "ILLEGAL POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED STRIKE" ACCORDING TO PRIVATE COMMENTS OF COMERCIO EDITOR. FAILURE OF STRIKE WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE CONTINUED DOWNSHILL SLIDE OF COMMUNISTS EVEN IN LABOR SECTOR CONSIDERED UNDER THEIR CONTROL. FURTHER EXPLANATION WOULD BE THAT COMMUNISTS AND ULTRA-LEFT ARE STILL LAYING LOW IN THE NORTH.

2. FARMERS MEET: FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF TRANSMONTANE FARMERS FEB 25 DREW 4000, ACCORDING TO PRESS ESTIMATES, WHICH TEMPORARILY DOUBLED POPULATION OF REMOTE NORTHEAST TOWN OF MIRANDELA. FARMERS VOTED TO ALLY THEMSELVES WITH PORTUGUESE CONFEDERATION OF FARMERS (CAP) IN BATTLE FOR A JUST PROGRAM OF AGRARIAN REFORM APPROVED BY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND AGAINST AGRICULTURE MINISTER CARDOSO AND

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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (SADA). COMMENT: PLENARY

DEMONSTRATES GROWING POLITIZATION OF AGRARIAN REFORM ISSUE AND
STRENGTH OF CAP IN REGION WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS CONSERVATIVE
ALBEIT POLITICALLY APATHETIC OUTLOOK.
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